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IN THE *PATENT* APPLICATION OF:

APPLICANT : ISAAC I. DIENNER *et al.*

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In the Office action dated April 19, 2006, the Examiner required an election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 prior to further examination on the merits of the above-identified application. The separate species of the claimed invention as identified by the Examiner are as follows:

Species I	Figure 1
Species II	Figure 2
Species III	Figure 3A and 3B

Upon election of Species I or II, the Examiner required Applicants to further elect between the species of ridges shown in Figures 9-10 (Species IV) and Figures 11-12 (Species V).

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In compliance with the Examiner's requirement, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse for further prosecution the embodiment shown in Figure 2 (designated as Species II); and species of ridges shown in Figures 9-10 (designated as Species IV), Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are considered to be readable on the elected species.

Applicants contend that they should be entitled to a consideration of a reasonable number related embodiments falling within the scope of a generic inventive concept. Moreover, it would appear that a search and examination of the entire application could be accomplished without a serious burden on the Examiner since the multiple embodiments identified of record would seemingly encompass a common field of search.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the election requirement, and issue an action on the merits of all the embodiments presently in the case. Alternatively, should the Examiner maintain the requirement and make it final, Applicants await a complete action on the merits of the elected subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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